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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a composite part having an outer skin that is visible when the composite part is installed in a vehicle, comprising:

(a) providing a foil part having the outer skin, the foil part having a removable protective foil disposed on a front side of the outer skin, the removable protective foil having an outer side;

(b) reworking the removable protective foil to smooth a surface of the outer side of the protective foil;

(c) placing the foil part together with the removable protective foil in a die subsequent to step (b); and

(d) applying a plastic layer via a high-pressure process on a rear side of the outer skin.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the high-pressure process used in the step of applying the plastic layer (d) is selected from the group consisting of back-foaming and injection-molding.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising reshaping the foil part after the reworking step (b).

4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising reshaping the foil part after the providing step (a) and before the reworking step (b).

5. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising plastically reshaping the foil part under an influence of heat.

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6. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising reshaping the foil part to obtain a trough-like shape.

7. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the foil part comprises a thermoplastic material.

8. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the foil part includes a two-layer co-extruded foil.

9. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising introducing a plurality of reinforcing fibers into the plastic layer.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the high-pressure process used in the step of applying the plastic layer(d) is selected from the group consisting of back-foaming and injection-molding, and wherein the method includes a step of introducing a plurality of glass fibers into the plastic layer.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 10, wherein the step of introducing the plurality of glass fibers into the plastic layer ~~liquid foam material~~ is conducted via a Long Fiber Injection method.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the step of ~~reworking the protective foil (b)~~ comprises polishing the removable protective foil on the outer side.

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13. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the composite part is a mount-on vehicle body panel.

14-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein step (a) is performed prior to step (b), and step (c) is performed prior to step (d).

23. (New) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises polishing the removable protective foil to provide a polished surface on the outer side, step (c) includes placing the polished surface against a die surface, and step (d) includes applying the plastic layer to the foil part while the polished surface abuts against the die surface.